

## About White-tailed deer

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### About White-tailed deer:

- They are the smallest members of the **North American deer family**.
- **Distribution:** They are found in North America from southern Canada through Central America.
- **Habitat:**
  - Includes areas along streams and rivers, mixed woodlands, farms, forests, and burned shrub fields.
  - Open areas are used only when thick shrubs or forests are nearby.
- **Appearance:**

- It is **tan or brown in the summer** and grayish brown in winter.
  - It has white on its throat, around its eyes and nose, on its stomach, and on the underside of its tail.
  - **Only male deer grow antlers**, which are shed each year.
  - They are excellent runners. They can run at speeds of up to 30 miles an hour.
  - **Conservation status**
    - **IUCN Status:** 'Least Concern'
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## Q1) What are Antlers ?

Antlers are branched, bony growths that are found on the heads of male deer and some related species. They are primarily used for various behaviors such as establishing dominance during mating season and defending against predators.

**Source:** [White-tailed deer in Ohio found to be reservoir for rapid SARS-CoV2 mutation, say scientists](#)

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